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## THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

(The historiographer has made every effort to secure reports from all the local chapters. Local secretaries are urged to send in news of all activities promptly.)

### THE NEW YORK CHAPTER

At the meeting of November 8 Señor Vicente Blasco Ibáñez addressed the chapter, discussing the attitude of the Spanish novelist toward his fellow citizens. He showed how Spanish literature differed from that of other languages in that the novel preceded every other form of literary expression. The average novelist of Spain is not a professional novelist but a man of the world who has accomplished tasks of a real worldly nature and who writes only when he has a real message to give to the world.

Señor Ibáñez termed the teachers of Spanish of the United States the evangelists of Spanish culture in this country.

A special meeting of the Chapter was called for December 6, at Mines, Columbia University. The members of the Spanish Commission to the International Labor Conference in Washington, D. C., made brief speeches. The Commissioners are representative public men of Spain, nearly all Diputados a Cortes and prominent in the educational work of the Peninsula.

Professor Federico de Onís of Columbia University introduced each speaker. The first address was by Don Fernando de los Rios, a native of Andalucia, professor in the University of Granada, elected by the people Diputado a Cortes. Señor de los Rios explained that in the teaching of the language of a country we teach the spirit of the race, and he advised coöperation among different nations rather than competition.

Señor Gascon y Marín, an Aragonese, also a Diputado a Cortes professor in the University of Madrid, and Minister of Public Instruction, spoke of the purposes of the International Labor Conference. He showed how all countries are anxious to expand, but first of all nations must understand one another.

The third speaker, a native of Asturias, is identified with sociological problems; formerly of the faculty of the University of Oviedo, then of the University of Madrid. Señor Posada stated that if the

United States would unify the spirit of Pan-Americanism it could have no better instrument than that of Spain.

A most pleasing talk was then given by the Vizconde de Eza, president of the Instituto de Reformas Sociales, who declared himself only a man of action in the service of public reform.

#### CHICAGO PLANS EFFECTIVE WORK

The Chicago Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish was organized on December 6, 1919. The following are the officers for this school year: President, Dr. Carl O. Sundstrom, Lake View High School; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna N. McDonald, Lane Technical High School; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. L. C. Morse (principal), Phil Sheridan School; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith Cameron, Waller High School. The association is to hold six meetings a year, corresponding with the months in which HISPANIA is issued. It was decided that all program numbers shall be in the Spanish language and that the subject matter shall be selected with a view to inspirational value for the members as teachers of Spanish and as students of Hispanic life and civilization. The program of the first meeting, which took place on January 10, 1920, included four interesting *conferencias*: *Vitalizing Literature*, by Mr. E. L. C. Morse; *Argentina*, by Miss Jessie L. Marsh; *Chile*, by Miss Cecelia M. Brennan; *Porto Rico*, by Mrs. Josappre.

Miss Brennan represented this chapter at the Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish at Washington, on December 27.

#### NEW MEXICO TO HEAR IBÁÑEZ

In connection with the State Teachers' Association in convention at Albuquerque, Thanksgiving week, the New Mexico State Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish held a most interesting meeting. Governor O. A. Larrazolo, who was so active in the organization of the chapter during the Spanish Conference held last July at the New Mexico Normal University, Las Vegas, was present and spoke briefly to the teachers.

The Albuquerque Sub-Chapter, that very enthusiastic body of Spanish teachers that organized a local chapter at Albuquerque on October 13, 1910, gave a program of particular interest on the evening of December 10 at the Albuquerque High School Audi-

torium. Dr. Roscoe R. Hill, formerly of the faculty of Columbia University, now professor of history in the State University, gave a very instructive illustrated lecture on "Spain." The second speaker was Señor José Candelaria. The program was varied by musical numbers. Señor Perches Enriquez, the Mexican composer from Chihuahua, Mexico, at the piano and Srta. Yrisarri singing in Spanish. Among the latter's selections was the state song, "Oh, Fair New Mexico."

The Albuquerque chapter has arranged for a lecture by Vicente Blasco Ibáñez on January 19, 1920.

#### THE SEATTLE CHAPTER

On January 10, 1920, the flourishing chapter of the Northwest held its third regular session since organization at Denny Hall, University of Washington, under the presidency of Professor George W. Umphrey.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The first meeting of this chapter for the present school year was held in the San Francisco Public Library on the 24th of November. Professor Schevill of the University of California gave a most interesting illustrated lecture on Spain. This was followed by a general discussion on Spanish text-books.

The Northern California Chapter is making plans for a reception and banquet to don Vicente Blasco Ibáñez when he arrives in San Francisco early in February.

#### SALT LAKE CHAPTER ORGANIZED

A strong and active chapter of our association was organized in Salt Lake City, Utah, early in November.

The chapter started with a membership of 34. The officers are: President, Miss Mathilde Domenge, Salt Lake City High School; Vice-President, Professor G. Oscar Russell, who has just returned from two years of service in the American Embassy in Madrid; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Charles H. Miles; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ina N. Nichols. The chapter is called the "Salt Lake City Chapter."

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